

REMARKS

In this Amendment, applicants have amended independent claims 14, 23, 26 to indicate that the peg, which is integrally unitary with the module support, is received within the recess of the outward formation on the window lifting rail in a positive fit. This feature is disclosed in paragraph [0013] of the published form of this application. The term "positive fit" is used in the sense of a snug fit without any space for play between the exterior surface of the peg and the interior surface of the outward formation on the window lifting rail to create a form-fitting connection between the two parts. This positive fit permits one to select thinner, more economical material for the window lifting rail as the support of the deflection roller is mostly provided by the positively fitting peg of the module support. This positive fit is not disclosed in any of the art of record, nor is it obvious from this art.

Samways et al. shows a fairly complex structure of a separate shell bearing 15 mechanically coupled to the rail or guide bar 6. A separate threaded fastener 16 passes through the interior of the shell bearing 15 to engage alignment bushing 17 so as to secure the support module 1 to the rail or guide bar 6. Samways et al. does not disclose the deflection roller supporting outward formation being formed integrally unitary with the rail or the peg being formed integrally unitary with the module support. Samways et al. also does not disclose the positive fit of the integrally unitary module support peg within the integrally unitary rail outward formation. Instead, Samways et al. provides an alignment bushing 17 which penetrates into shell bearing 15 of cable pulley 71, and thus aligns the module carrier 1 in such a manner that it is directly fastened in the area of the upper recessed area 11 of the inner panel 2 with the help of the bolt 16 which is threadedly engaged into the female thread of the alignment bushing 17 as shown in Figs 3 and 5.

Klitzsch et al. discloses a deflection roller installation that includes a window-lifting rail 10 having an integrally unitary outward formation 16 that receives a deflection roller 18. There is no disclosure of a peg formed integrally unitary with a module support that is received within the outward formation 16. Klitzsch et al. discloses retaining the roller 18 by deforming the sheet metal or by providing a separate fastener in the form of an expansion plug 20 that, like the bushing 17 of Samways et al., is inserted from the side opposite the window-lifting rail 10. Klitzsch et al. does not disclose the positive fit of a integrally unitary module support peg within the integrally unitary rail outward formation. The remaining references of record are directed to the selection of materials, rather than the structural features identified and claimed in the independent claims of the present application and thus have only marginal relevancy to the patentability of the independent claims. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the independent claims, as amended, in view of the forgoing remarks.

Additional amendments have been made to claim 26 merely to provide better antecedent basis for the structure addressed in dependent claim 27. Dependent claim 27 has been amended to identify the additional structural differences of the claimed combination over the structure shown in Figs 9 and 10 of Klitzsch et al. The roller 18 of Klitzsch et al. includes a surface, identified by the Examiner by the word "projection", which is illustrated to be in continuous contact with the window lifting rail 10 from the outer periphery of the roller 18 to the inside surface of the roller 18, which could be a source of considerable drag on the rotation of the roller 18. By contrast, applicants' roller 2 is shown in Figs 2 and 3 to have an axially directed projection confined to the outer periphery of the roller which axially grazes the window-lifting rail while leaving a region of the deflection roller between the center portion and the axially directed projection that is spaced

from the window-lifting rail. This structure provides the desired alignment for the roller while avoiding the higher frictional component that would be present based on Klitzsch et al. Applicants submit that this structure is additionally and independently patentable over the art of record, and requests reconsideration and allowance of claim 27.

With the forgoing changes to the claims, applicants submit that the present application is placed in condition for allowance. The subscribing attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview should the Examiner believe that an additional recitation is needed to place any of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



A. James Richardson
Reg. No. 26,983

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
Customer No. 27879
Telephone: (317) 636-0886
Fax: (317) 634-6701